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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BUNKER "C" PRICE QUOTATIONS

REF: STATE 4449

1. US LINES TOKYO REPRESENTATIVE UNDERTOOK SURVEY OF BUNKER "C" PRICES IN JAPAN ON EMBASSY'S BEHALF, WITHOUT DIVULGING SOURCE OF INQUIRY. THIS SURVEY INDICATED NON-CONTRACT PRICES (IN DOLLARS PER BARREL) RANGED BETWEEN \$2.273 AND \$2.727 IN JANUARY 1973. CONTRACT PRICES WERE ABOUT \$2.575 IN SAME MONTH. BY DECEMBER 1973 CONTRACT PRICE HAD INCREASED TO APPROXIMATELY \$6.818 AND FURTHER INCREASED IN JANUARY 1974 TO BETWEEN \$13.00 AND \$13.636. ALSO BY DECEMBER 73/ JANUARY 74, AVAILABILITY OF BUNKERS WAS SO LIMITED THAT SUPPLIERS FOR MOST PART WERE ONLY ACCOMMODATING CONTRACT CUSTOMERS. TO LIMITED EXTENT THAT SPOT (NON-CONTRACT) SALES ARE BEING MADE, SOURCES INDICATED CURRENT PRICE IS ABOUT \$15.00.

2. SINCE VIRTUALLY NO SUPPLIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SPOT SALE, US LINES OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT VERY LITTLE IF ANY QTE BLACK MARKETEEING UNQTE IN BUNKERS IS OCCURING IN JAPAN. OFFICIALS ALSO HAVE IMPRESSION THAT OIL COMPANIES ARE TRYING TO STABILIZE BUNKER PRICES. ACCORDING TO
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PRESENT INDICATIONS CONTRACT PRICES SEEM LIKELY TO SETTLE

AT AROUND JANAURY LEVELS.
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